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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents Box Patent Application Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the prosecution of the captioned application, which is a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and claims priority to international application number PCT/GB00/00916 filed March10, 2000. This application also claims priority to application number 99301933.0 filed in the European Patent Office on March 12, 1999.

In the Claims

Please amend page 155, line 1 as follows:

[CLAIMS]

What is claimed is:

Please cancel claims 3, 12, 13, 19, 20, and 26, without prejudice.

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